

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Dear Colleague,

This week, I will introduce the **Protect Small Business Jobs Act of 2013**. I am seeking original co-sponsors for this bill. The text of the legislation is reproduced on the back of this page.

For the 89% of employers in America with fewer than 20 employees, there is an ever-present fear that they may be sanctioned or even put out of business for a violation of any one of the seemingly endless array of federal regulations. The list is so long, at over 80,000 pages, that it is almost unknowable.

The **Protect Small Business Jobs Act** offers a simple correction: if found to be in violation of a federal regulation, a business is given a six-month grace period to correct the problem before being sanctioned. It allows for an extension of three more months if the business is making a good-faith effort to correct the problem, and if the problem is corrected at the end of the grace period, the sanction is waived.

This way, no business is permitted to ignore regulations on an ongoing basis, but small companies are given a chance to become compliant without being hit by devastating fines.

It includes exceptions for imminent danger and repeat violations, of course.

This common-sense approach, developed with input from small business groups and former SBA officials, should be agreeable to members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, as it encourages the great American tradition of entrepreneurship and competition in an age when most Americans believe the government favors the large business at the expense of the small business.

And as small businesses account for 2 out of every 3 new jobs created in America over the last 30 years, they are doubtless a growing constituency in your district.

I look forward to introducing this bill with co-sponsorship of Republicans and Democrats alike, demonstrating a proactive, bipartisan approach to non-controversial, common sense reforms that can invigorate the market and improve the economy for all Americans.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the bill, please contact Adam de Angeli, my Legislative Aide on Small Business legislation, at adam.deangeli@mail.house.gov or at extension 6-8753. Our deadline for original cosponsors is close of business this Thursday.

Best regards,



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